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Serial Nos. 8, 9, 10

Part B for Nov 46.

SUBJECT

Grant of certain concessions to the Joint Stock Company for the exploitation of the Hirakhasagar, Rutnagiri area

(Sec 10) To

The Chief Conservator of F&S

" Circular No 10

No A7-2290-91 D 16-10-46

Sanctions the recommendations of the Chief Conservator of F&S

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DEWAN'S MINUTE.

FILE No. 194

Bangalore,
12th November 1943.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
13. NOV. 1943
No. 5 M. 145

1) It was represented to me that the work of clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under the Hirebhasgar Dam is not as expeditious as it ought to be and that there is a risk of some portions of forest coming under water before the timber is fully cleared. I have asked the Forest Officer at Ving to send a note through the Chief Conservator of Forests showing the programme of clearance and also the arrangements made or proposed to be made for the transpost and disposal of the timber. A report may be obtained from the Chief Conservator of Forests at an early date.

DEWAN.

General Secretary,
through
Minister for Industries & Supplies
with compliments.

2) Very early pl
(I wd also like to look into this matter during my next visit to Shimoga-Bhadrav)
13/11

No. 645

GENERAL SECRETARY
15 NOV. 1943

Please call for a report from C.C.F. immediately
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15/11/43

Rec'd 6.5 pm.
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3) Draft to CCF sent
For approval
G.S.
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4) Issue
16/11/43

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15 NOV. 1943
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Issued no AF 22279 dt 8.11.43

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Mr. P. H. KRISHNA RAO, M.A.,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
ECONOMIC CONFERENCE,

Bangalore, dated 19th Novr. 1943.

E.C. D.O. No. 196/42-3.

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22 NOV. 1943

5) Dear Mr. Jabbar,

During my recent tour in the Shimoga District one of the subjects discussed was the utilisation of the forest area that will come under sub-mersion by the Hirebhasgar Dam. You will agree that the trees in the entire area should be utilised either for timber or fuel and charcoal before they are sub-merged. It was, therefore, suggested that if the Forest Department by itself be unable to exploit the whole area, they should call for tenders from private individuals or Companies to exploit the area either entirely or in blocks and that too, if possible, in the next working season alone. You may, therefore, kindly issue instructions after obtaining the orders of Government, if necessary.

6 It was suggested that to minimise transportation, this timber may also be cut into scantlings of standard sizes by establishing a Saw Mill some where near with the ultimate object of making the Saw Mill permanent for exploiting the forests nearby. It occurred to me that even before power is available from the Jog Project, the Gas Generator and Engine in the Match Factory at Shimoga, may be made use of for the purpose. I would suggest the Saw Mill being located some where near Mademur, preferably on the left bank of the river. You may consider the feasibility of this also.

Yours sincerely,
Sd. P.H.Krishna Rao,

C.Abdul Jabbar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
in Mysore, BANGALORE.

E.C. No. 197/42-3 dated 19-11-43.

Copy with compliments to the Secretary to Government, General Department, Bangalore, for information.

Secretary,
Economic Conference.

Exploitation of areas coming under Submersion — Hirebhas Dam

From the C.C.F.

No. M. 27-280-43 dt 14.12.43

Copy of letter recd from the Sagar D.F.O. on the clearance of timber from the areas coming under submersion under Hirebhas Dam and with his remarks.

(9) Copy of the letter of the Sagar D.F.O. & the C.C.F.'s letter are sent for perusal. The C.C.F. states that necessary instructions have been issued in the matter and that it is hoped that before the close of the current working season extraction of marketable timber in the entire workable portion of the area coming under submersion will be completed.

MV 18/12/43

(10) The report of the District Forest Officer Sagar Division and the lesson of the C.C.F. explain the present position of the situation. Refer Dewan's Minute dated 12.11.43 (Para 1 of the notes).

11. (Secy) I think the entire area should be cleared of the trees before it is submerged in June 1944. If there are transport difficulties, the Forest Department Officers can keep in touch with the Deputy Commissioner through D.F.O. & arrange to get more bullocks by commandeering if

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21.12.43.

necessary. As suggested by the Sec^y Economic Conference in his letter dated 19th Novr 1943, to C.C.F. a copy of which is sent to this Office, it is desirable that if the Forest Deptt by itself is unable to exploit the whole area either for timber, or fuel or charcoal before it is submerged tenders are called for from private individuals or Companies to exploit the area entirely or in blocks. To avoid danger to the ~~Sutlej~~ Dam it appears very necessary that the entire area should be cleared of the trees. In these circumstances C.C.F. will have to visit the spot if necessary to see that proper arrangements are made not only for clearing the area of the trees but also for transport facilities. Without the help & co-operation of the R.C. transport difficulties cannot be solved. If approved C.C.F. will be addressed on the matter. In this connection C.C.F.'s letter dated 21st Decr is putup herewith.

Munshi H.S.
Dewan

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
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From the C.C.F.
No. M.Ef. 15367 dt 21/12/43
The Sec. may see. Pl. discuss with (C.Dev.) & State, Mr. Munshi may agree with him

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12 I have recently inspected portions of the forest area which will be submerged, and have also seen forest from which, according to the C.C.F. and the D.F.O., Sagar, all the "economically utilisable" timber has been cleared.

13 Even this cleared area looks like dense forest and to a layman it seems a pity to let so many trees and so much wood get submerged and lost. I have discussed with the Chief Conservator of Forests, the Superintending Engineer, Jog, and the General Superintendent, Jog Power Scheme, the question of salvaging of the timber and other resources of the forest area that will come under submersion. The Superintending Engineer has stated that the submersion will not take place till June 1945, -- not June 1944 as mentioned in the notes and correspondence in the file. This gives us another 12 months to complete the salvaging operations. The Chief Conservator of Forests guarantees that all the "economically utilisable" timber in the area will be removed before June 1945. The balance will consist of -

(a) wood suitable for charcoal for Bhadravati, and
(b) soft woods that would in the opinion of the CCF not be suitable even for ~~being converted into charcoal fit for use in~~ Bhadravati.

The Chief Conservator says he will try and extract as much of (a) as possible, but is not sure of being able to take away more than about 50 % of this material in time. He thinks that to attempt to extract (b) would be uneconomica and not worth the labour and expenditure. In any case, the

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the Chief Conservator is of the opinion that it would be impossible, - apart from its being enormously expensive, - to clear-fell and burn the whole area in time, ~~and to attempt it would involve an expenditure of money and labour out of all proportion.~~ He says, - and the Superintending Engineer agrees, - that even if such a thing were done, it might not altogether avoid danger to the syphons from wood and other floating objects that might be brought down from the higher reaches of the river during floods. The Superintending Engineer therefore proposes to build fenders to protect the syphons from being choked or damaged by floating objects. The construction of these fenders will, incidentally, ~~considerably~~ help the salvaging operations by making it possible for the trees to be felled and allowed to float up after the area comes into submersion. This will ~~not only~~ give additional time for salvaging and will also make it easy to tow the cut material to convenient places on the banks of the reservoir where it could afterwards be dealt with at leisure.

The Secretary, Economic Conference, has suggested that private companies might be willing to come forward to assist the Department in exploiting all the timber and fuel available in the area. I would be glad if the C.C.F. will discuss this question with the Secretary, Economic Conference, and make definite proposals very early. The Department might extract all the "economically utilisable" timber and allot the extracted area, block by block, to private enterprise for

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extraction of (a) and (b) referred to in the second paragraph of this minute, at very ~~early~~ low seniorage rates, e.g., one anna per c.ft. as allowed to the Plywood Corporation, or the whole area could be divided up into blocks and some of the blocks allotted to various companies for exploitation, under suitable terms. The Mysore Plywood Corporation, Bangalore, might itself like to take up a block for extraction of soft wood suitable for its purposes.

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16) It would perhaps be better if this is sent to CCF in the first instance for information and necessary action. Submit for orders.

17 The file may be sent unofficially to the Chief Conservator of Forests for further action as at "A" and furnishing his definite proposals on the question.

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Forwarded with Compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests in my file for favour of furnishing definite proposals.

H M Sreeniwasaiya 13/1/44

U.O. No. 22/43-44 Dated 31-1-44

For general Secretary to Govt.

Retransmitted with compliments.

1. Reference is invited to my letter No.M.27-280/43 dated 16-12-1943 wherein arrangements made for the departmental extraction of commercial timbers and of trees suitable for conversion into charcoal have been detailed. This work is being pushed through.

2. The Mysore Plywood Corporation have since agreed to take up exploitation of non-commercial soft woods (soft wood) species available in this area and expect to remove about 50,000 cft this season. Their consent to the payment of seigniorage at a flat rate 0-4-0 per cft has been obtained and action taken to specifically allot areas for extraction.

3. Similarly, the Mysore Arts Frame and Wood works have expressed their willingness to start exploitation in this area. A suitable area is being allotted to them too, but in this case, the seigniorage is fixed at the scale sanctioned in G.O.No.D.2374-9/13-C.191-40-8 dated 12-11-1941.

4. Similar facilities will be provided to any private individuals who may come forward to take up extraction in this zone.

B.P. Ramaseshiah
for Chief Conservator of Forests
Chief Comr. away from Hd. Quarters on tour.

To
The General Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Sorted for perusal
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GC Secy, I think CC7 has not discussed the question with the Secretary Economic Conference as

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Suggested by Hon. Minister for S in his minute supra. The file may be sent back to C C F to discuss the question with the Secretary Economic Conference and send up definite proposals if any.

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W.O. No 204 dt 5-2-1944.

Returned with compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests for favour of needful action as above & return.

5/2/44
For General Secretary
to Govt.

THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE.
No. 12804
Date 7-2-44
Section

W.O. No. 27/43-44 dated 18-2-44

Retransmitted with compliments:-

25 The Secretary, Economic Conference (since designated as Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning) had to be met on the 2nd instant for a discussion on the subject as agreed upon, but owing to his unavoidable absence on tour this arrangement could not be kept up. There seems to be no need for it now.

26 The suggestion of this officer to throw open blocks of the submergible area to companies and individuals coincides with the action already taken by the Department in this direction. Kind reference is invited to my letter No. S. pub. 267/43 dated 28-1-1944 on which orders of Government are awaited.

Subs to Min 28 S on 3-2-44. 2021.

27 The other suggestion of the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning in regard to erecting a saw mill at Madenur is rather not practicable now, principally because the required machinary is not on hand and cannot also be easily secured. Even with better facilities and with some of the basic machinary ready to hand, it was found not possible to complete the installation of the mill at Agasanhadu. Reference is invited in this connection, to the correspondence resting with my letter No G2-B.78-1048/42 dated 8-1-1944. I am therefore not in favour of the proposal to erect a mill at this centre, all the more so as a saw mill in this centre would be useless once the extraction

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of the timber in this zone is completed i.e., within a year and a half.

Chief Conservator of Forests

To

The General Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

GENERAL SECRETARY 21 FEB. 1944

28) Sent for perusal. No further action seems necessary

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(29) Commissioner E.P. & D. may be consulted

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No 233 of 2-3-44

Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner Economic Planning and Development for favour of remarks.

By order

H M Sreenivasaiya 1.3.44

For General Secretary

to Govt.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES FEB 26 1944 No. 4979

E.C. 595/43-44 17.3.44

30 Retransmitted with compliments:-

31 I examined this question on 10.3.1944 at Madenur and Sagar.

32 The forest in the sub-merged area has been divided into four blocks, the first two blocks being almost entirely in the Sagar taluk and the other two blocks being in Nagar taluk. The Forest Department have so far

far extracted what they call economically utilisable timber in the first two blocks. The other two have not yet been touched. The Department is now willing to allow private parties to extract the rest of the timber in the first two blocks and propose disposing of the same by public auction to be advertised shortly. I am willing to find either private individuals or a company to bid for this sale subject to two conditions (1) there should be no other agency to work in the same area and (2) the right to extract should be disposed of not at a seigniorage at so much per c.ft., as it will involve measurement after extraction, but for a lumpsum for the whole area based on any rough estimate that the Forest Department may make or according to the highest bid realised for the entire area at the auction.

33) I understand that the Forest Department or the Government has promised to let the Ply Wood Factory have about one lakh c.ft., at a seigniorage of 4 annas per c.ft., and the Msyore Frame Works at a seigniorage of one anna per c.ft of soft wood. The Company or the individual purchasing the right to exploit the entire block may easily come to an understanding with these bodies to supply the required timber to them. Left to themselves, I am afraid that they will not be able to extract all the timber available and a major portion may be submerged.

34) The time at our disposal for clear felling of the blocks is only till the end of June 1945. If the Forest Department wants to extract the economically utilisable timber in the 3rd and 4th blocks also and leave the rest

rest to be submerged, there would be an avoidable waste. Both the economically utilisable timber and other woods in these blocks may also be permitted to be exploited by private individuals, who will form themselves into a company, as it may not be desirable to have two agencies working in the same area - the Forest Department for the economically utilisable timber and a private agency for other woods.

35) The Chief Conservator has raised the question of transport difficulties. These may be over-come (1) by sawing the timber in the jungle itself so that they may be transported by human labour above the submersion line even if elephants are not available for dragging timber; (2) by transporting timber in logs or sawn timber to a Depot nearest the submersion area and not necessarily to the rail head or a Depot at Taluk Head Quarters and (3) in the last resort by merely felling the trees and lopping off the tops and leaving them to float up even after submersion when they can be collected near the dam or near the banks.

36) Apart from supplying the timber for building and other purposes, such of the trees that are not fit for timber may be burnt into charcoal and supplied to Bhadravati Iron Works, who I understand are now paying as much as one rupee per bag - spot delivery. Such of the trees as are not even fit for burning charcoal, may be used as fuel for brick kilns. There will be a demand for bricks as a number of houses also come under submersion and houses have to be built elsewhe

We may also consider the starting of a Tile Factory in this area if proper clay is available. I have requested Mr.David of the Geological Department, who is now at Jog, to find out if suitable clay is available anywhere in this area. There is also a demand for packing cases by many industrial concerns, and soft woods which are not suitable either for timber or for charcoal may be utilised for cuttin into planks of suitable sizes for packing cases. In any case, it would be a pity for want of proper organization, to allow any portion of the forest to be submerged.

37) A copany with a capital of one lakh of rupees will be able to handle the whole thing, not only for the present but for some years to come. It can supply the timber required for house building and bridge construction in the Malnad. It can also take up as a subsidiary object, the making of bricks and tiles and supply of packing cases. Some of the timber contractors in the locality itself will be glad to become shareholders in the Company. I would suggest Government taking 10 per cent of the shares and have one the Directorate of the Company the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga and either the Conservator or Forests, Shimoga or the District Forest Officer, Sagar. The contribution of Government need not be paid in cash, but the amount that the Company has to pay as seigniorage or as the bid amount in the open auction may be converted into shares.

38) There is very little time to lose, as rains will set in about the middle of June. If the idea is approved,

pproved, the Company will be floated immediately, but pending
he collection of the share amounts, Government may have to
anction Rs.10,000/- for preliminary expenses to be recouped
s soon as an equivalent sum is collected as share subscrip-
ion. The services of a Forest Range Officer may also be
ent to the Company for a period of one year.

(39) I am making these proposals as I am confident that
abour is available for clear felling the area and transport
ifficulties may be overcome as suggested above. The cost
f felling works out only to one anna per c.ft., if the logs
re undressed and two annas a c.ft., if they are dressed.
he cost of transport to the taluk head quarters or a rail
ead is now 7 or 8 annas and the lowest bids realised in the
uction for any kind of wood is more than a rupee per c.ft.
his leaves a clear margin even after paying a seigniorage
f about 4 annas a c.ft., for the Company to work at a profit.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
MAR 21 1944
No. 5643

Comr for Ind & Planning

GENERAL SECRETARY
20 MAR 1944

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(40) This may perhaps be sent to the CCF for favour of furnishing his views immediately.
after perusal by the Minister
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(41) Ioms 20/3/44

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21 MAR 1944
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Minister I & S
for perusal

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THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS MYSORE. 1505 D 28/3/44

N.O. 45) Planning

LO No 269, 27/3/44.
44) Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests for favour of furnishing his views. B.O.
H. M. Srinivasaiya 24/3/44
For General Secretary to Govt

no 33 D 12/4/44.

Retransmitted with compliments:-

The proposals of the Commissioner for Economic and Development in regard to exploitation of the forest area coming under submersion are generally acceptable.

Should individuals specially interested in timber trade and capable of organising labour and transport facilities required for the exploitation of the dense and difficult forest area in question be readily available, there can hardly be any objection to permitting such individuals forming themselves into a company and to entrusting them with the sole responsibility to clear fell the entire area and extract all the timber, firewood and charcoal that it can yield within the time at disposal. It is necessary to make it clear that no departmental elephants can be spared for the purpose. Such financial aid as Government might deem fit may also be given to the company who should have atleast two Government Directors on their Board of Management as suggested by the Commissioner of Economic and Development. There is no objection to spare the services of a Forest Ranger on terms of employment to be settled directly by negotiation with the company. Planning

The submerging area being one of the important areas allotted for supply of timber to the Defence services and Government Departments, the Company will have to bind itself by an agreement that all reserved kinds of timber and such other kinds as are in demand for supply to the Defence Services will be entirely at the disposal of the Department. Indents received by the Department will be transferred to them for execution. The Department will take delivery of all the materials required for such purposes and pay for them at rates calculated on the basis of actual expenditure incurred on collection and delivery plus a reasonable percentage of profit and settled by direct negotiation with the company.

The Mysore Plywood Corporation and the Mysore Arts, Frames and Wood Works have been permitted to remove timbers suitable for their requirements, at concessional rates. The proposed company may negotiate with both these firms and take up the supplies required by them. This would facilitate exploitation of the whole area through one agency alone.

I have to differ from the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development with regard to the suggestion to sell the right of extraction of timber etc.

to the company for a lumpsum based on some rough estimate or on the average realization in the auction sales effected by the Department.

It would be unfair to the Company to adopt the average realization as the Department has so far sold the right of collection of small quantities of certain specified kinds of timber in easily accessible areas only; realizing very favourable rates. The area coming under submersion is so very vast and the tree growth so varied and dense that even a rough estimate of its value is impossible without a valuation survey which involves much time and expense. Sale for a lumpsum seems to have been suggested with a view to avoid measurement. As the timber or other produce will have to be measured and brought to account by the Company at storage places or atleast at the time of effecting supplies, measurement is not likely to cause any inconvenience. Levy of seigniorage on the quantity actually extracted would be more advantageous as it would eliminate errors of estimation and the company would be paying for the material that actually goes to its possession. For the measured quantity either the current rates of seigniorage may be adopted or special rates may be fixed by negotiation with the company.

A large stock of timber collected by departmental agency is awaiting transport in the submergable area. Further heavy advances have been paid by departmental subordinates for recruitment of labour required in this connection. Transfer of this labour at disposal and of the available stocks are question which will have to be settled by negotiation with the company after its formation.

I am not in favour of capitalizing the value of produce into Government shares of the new company as even at seigniorage rates, the value of the produce will be far in excess of the amount likely to be contributed by Government.

Chief Conservator of Forests (I/C)

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GENERAL SECRETARY 13 APR. 1944

The General Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

46) Submit for personal orders.

Sd Secy to Govt 15/4/44

47) Jms

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48) That permanent C.C. who is on leave will also have to be consulted in the matter

Minister I & S)

49) (A) May be done

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES APR 27 1944 No. 6603

ECO No 294 dt 5/5/44 - 27/46

58) Forwarded with compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests for favour of further remarks if any.

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A. N. Sreenivasaraiga
5/5/44
for Secretary to Govt
Forest Dept

ECO No. 38/43-44
Dated 23/5/44

Retransmitted with compliments:-

59) While agreeing with the opinion expressed by the Chief Conservator of Forests in charge, I would like to add as follows:-

1. For reasons detailed hereunder the department had no alternative but to think of building up an organisation for extraction of valuable species only.

a) the interval between the selection of the dam site and the impounding of waters was too short to permit ~~of~~ clear-felling the vast area.

b) the area comes under exploitation for the first time and extraction paths had to be formed.

c) trained labour was not available locally nor was the prospect of recruiting a large labour force from other areas very bright.

d) the area is hilly and exploitation meant dragging of timber to centres easily accessible to carts. The quantity to be exploited had therefore to be limited to the capacity of the elephants that could be spared for the work. Efforts to augment the number of elephants at disposal proved futile.

e) The tree growth is over 90% softwoods for which there is no commercial use at present. Charcoal if obtained would be very light and therefore unsuitable for consumption in the Blast furnace. Nor are these timbers suitable for manufacture of packing cases for though they are light, they do not answer the other specifications. The timbers are further easily susceptible to insect and fungus attacks, ~~also~~ do not last any appreciable time and therefore have to be used up after conversion where still green.

2. The note of the Commissioner for Economic development appears to me too buoyant and optimistic and does not appear to take into account the formidable difficulties that will have to be surmounted. The area in question is very large and not compact. Exploitation of this vast area will have to be concluded within a period of 8 to 9 months that now remain, leaving aside the monsoon months. Transport difficulties are not so easy to overcome as the note puts them. Bullock carts are not available; and the exploitation centres are inaccessible to lorries. Over 2/3 rds, the quantity of the timber cut in the forests and prepared is still lying in the forest and a major part of the quantity brought out is still at the railheads for want of wagons. Unfortunately the majority of the species in the area is such that delays in utilisation ~~will~~ lead to heavy degrade and loss.

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Work of clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under Hegbhagar Dam.

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Sawing in situ of the enormous quantities that can be handled and carrying by head loads beyond submersion levels appears to be beyond the range of practicability as such an operation presupposes availability of a large labour force. It is a fallacy to think that sawing equipment-cross cut saws, Pit saws files and other wood cutting tools can be secured in these days, so easily and in such large numbers.

3. It is however not my intention to enlarge on the difficulties likely to arise and put obstacles in the way of builders of organisations. All that is intended is to indicate the formidable difficulties that are liekly to stand in the way of this organisation., so that full account may be taken of them in planning and execution.

4. I may add that the department would most gratefully withdraw from this zone if private enterpraise can be induced to work in the area. In fact no where else in India or elsewhere is departmental felling and conversion attempted. The Forest Departments are quite content to restrict their activities to conservation and regeneration and to leave exploitation to private enterpraise. It is only in Mysore that the forest staff has in the absence of private enterpraise, had to shoulder the burden of exploitation and marketing. Attempts to secure middleman have always been unsuccessful, chiefly because of unhealthiness of the localities to be operated, dearth of labour and partly also due to lack of initiative. We have continuously for the last over twenty years not been able to secure reliable contractors to work large supply contracts like sleepers, poles for transmission lines, Charcoal to the Iron Works etc., It would indeed be a happy day for the department if exploitation becomes so easy as the note of Commissioner for Economic development, would make it to be and the forest staff is released from this arduous task and made to confine itself to its legitimate duties of conservation and regeneration. The idea of the formation of the company would therefore have my heartiest support.

5. In conclusion, I would only say that if the Commissioner for Economic development can go ahead with his suggestion., I will give him my best co-operation and wholehearted support.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Education Department,
Bangalore.

SECRETARY
24 MAY 1944

52) Subo for perusal and orders with ref to paras 48 and 49 supra
(Education Secy)
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work of clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under the Hirabhagan Dam

52) Kind reference is invited to the Chief Conservator's remarks (N.O. 23-5-44) enumerating in detail the difficulties which the Forest dept feel in giving effect to the proposal of the Commissioner Economic planning and Development detailed in his N.O. dt 17.3.44.

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53) In view of the statement of the Chief Conservator in his N.O. communication dt 18.2.1944, it is for orders as to whether any further action need be taken in the matter.

Paras 25-27 of notes

54) It is also for orders as to whether the Commissioner for Economic planning and development may be further consulted in the matter in view of the opinion expressed by the Chief Conservator in last para of his N.O. reference dt 23-5-1944

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(T) Edn Secy)

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Initd 5/6/44

It is very unsatisfactory to note that two years have been spent for mere transmission. Initd 5/6/44

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(56) I talked this matter over with the Commr for Eco. Devt. He states that the company proposed to be formed does not require any facility from forest either by way of provision of saw mill machinery or of the services of Elephants: and that all that is wanted is the cooperation of the Forest Department.

(57) One point is as regards the method of payment for timber extracted. The Commissioner for Economic Devt is willing

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to accept the method suggested at 'A' in the ~~letter~~ W.O. note by CCF-in-charge.

58) One condition it will be necessary to impose will be that the proposed company will bind themselves to extract all the economically usefulness timber and a fixed proportion of the soft woods and other timber.

59) On these lines the Commissioner may perhaps be permitted to proceed further with the formation of the company, and to submit shortly a draft prospectus. The Commissioner for Ex. Dev. may perhaps be the Chairman of the board of Management to secure Govt interests.

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Govt
Dev. Secy

Ex. Dev
8/6
Kmks

Letter No M 27-280-43 Dt 8.6.1944 from the Chief Conservator recommending that Mr L. S. Krishna Iyer Engineer Madras may be permitted to exploit the forest area coming under submersion under the Hirakhagar Dam.
The Chief Conservator's letter which received is held
Com Secy) Kmks 9/6/44
9/6)

Note Carts

60) Since writing the above note the CCF has submitted a copy of a representation received from Mr L.S. Krishnan. It is not known whether this person is a representative but in any case it would be desirable to have a definite proposal from

the Commercial Economic development regarding the formation of the proposed company before Mr Krishnan's request is considered. The Commissioner also thinks that two independent agencies cannot work effectively in the same field.

Minister DSS
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Secy

61) 10/6

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
JUN 10 1944
No. 7877

62) In view of the magnitude of the work to be done & the shortness of the time at our disposal before submission it is obvious that all possible agencies shd be harnessed to the job and I am glad to find from the notes above that such a coordinated effort is now considered possible, & that there is also agreement re: the broad terms & details.

63) The Comm E.P. & D. may be requested to go forward with the

work, expeditiously in consultation with the C.C.F. - If the C.C.F. wishes to reserve any other blocks exclusively for Depte working ~~the Depte~~, this may be arranged. I believe the Comm^r E.P.&D. will find it possible to utilize the exp^ce & resources of Mr L S Krishnan also, in connection with the scheme, by allotting him a block or portion thereof.

64) I do not think Govt need take any shares in the Company that might be formed for this purpose. Govt might assist ~~in all these ways~~ in other ways like lending the services of a ranger, etc.

65) No further time may be lost in getting ahead with the work of extraction of timber from the area.

~~Expeditious~~ ~~Accounts may be called for~~ ~~EPD as to the proposal~~

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
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File may be sub^d to the Dewan for fav. of perusal

(Dewan)

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Ed^n Dewan Secy

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67) Submitted with a draft
68) For approval
Edn Secy)

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21 JUNE 1944
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To The Commissioner
Economic planning + Developt B'lore
A 7 6248 of 22.6.44.
requesting him to go thro the work
expeditiously in consultation with the CCF
allowing the CCF to reserve any block
for deptal use

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Letter No 27-280/43 of 24-8-44
from the CCF requesting orders on the
recommendation made by him in his letter
No M 27-280/43 of 8.6-44.
The CCF requests that Mr
Krishnan Forest Engineer Madras
may be permitted to exploit the area
under a specific contract.
Submd for orders

MG
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(70) Kind reference is invited to
the R + S Minister's Minute
of 11.6.1944 on the
previous page on the subject.

The orders of Minister were communicated to the Commissioner Economic Planning and Development in this office letter of 22.6.1944 a copy of which was also sent to the CE 7. In that letter it has been made clear that the experience and resources of Mr Krishnan might be utilised by allotting him a block or portion of the area in question and that Govt would be pleased to extend all reasonable facilities for the undertaking of the work on hand.

70) It is for orders as to whether any further action need be taken and the CE's reference invited to the above letter

G.E. Secy) 30/9/44

21st 30/9

CPO 29/9

71) The Commr of E. & Planning may be consulted unofficially

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72) Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner Economic Planning and Development for favour of remarks,

By order

1.10.44

For General Secretary to Govt.

E. C. 7/875/44-45

73) Seen & returned with compliments. Kind reference is invited to this office letter No E.C.C 37/44-45 dated 16th Nov 1944 (to the Economic Advisor) & C.C.F.'s letter No 27-280/43-44 dated 6-12-1944 addressed to the General Secy to Govt, in which the question of disposal of the right to exploit the forest fruit in the area covering Madhi Subhanna has been dealt with. It is ascertained from the C.C.F. that though the partnership referred to in the above letter, which has granted the sole right to clear-fell the area, seems to make a fair start, it does not seem to be capable of discharging its responsibilities, as local labour charges & deforestation are now being reported.

J. Margyude
Commr
9/6/45

General Secretary)

Submd

[File No 82-43-D. No 2706 A.F. Cleg-A.] These papers were taken over by Mr P.H. Krishna Rao from the Un Govt Secy for reference. The papers have also been called for from his office on 8/8/45. In person it seems the C.C.F. has already taken action on this matter on 29/8/45

Exploitation of Submersion areas under the Jorg Fuller Scheme.

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74) Reference is invited to para 72 and 73. and also to the letter d. 24-8-44 from the C.C.F. orders are solicited whether any action may be taken on the proposals of the C.C.F. made in his letter d 8-6-44. Flag "D"

Submitted for orders

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The proposals of the C.C.F on the above matter were submitted on 6th Decr 1944. There has been an interval of nine months. It is not known whether in this interval the Joint Stock Company has been formed. The C.C.F. had in anticipation of sanction of Govt to his proposals ~~had~~ permitted the ~~Sugar~~ promoters of the Scheme to go ahead with the work subject to such conditions and modifications in terms which the Govt may finally order. What progress of work has been done by the private organisation is not known. The information given by the Comnr of E.P.D. as to the activity of this organisation appears to be not encouraging. The file may perhaps be sent u/o to the C.C.F. for expression of his opinion in view of the experience so far had. Flag A

(Jt Secy)

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Exploitation of Hirikhasgna subversoni area

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12/10/45

RO No 3820 dt

Forwarded with compliments unofficially to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore for perusal of his opinion in view of the experience so far had.

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13.10.45

Sd/- Sampangiramaiah 11/10/1945
for General Secretary to Govt.

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KO No. 20/45-46
Dated 12.12.45

Retransmitted with compliments.-

The formation of a Joint Stock Company for which the initiative was taken by the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development has not so far materialised.

The four persons who were permitted to start work on individual and joint responsibility have formed into a partnership known as the Mysore Timber Company and are carrying on the work of clearance. There has since been a slight change in the partnership. Mr. Upendra Shrinivasa Naik has dropped off by a common resolution of all the partners and instructions have been issued to the District Forest Officer, Sagar Division to obtain a fresh mutchalika from the remaining three partners who are continuing the work. This fact has been separately reported to Government.

Replying on the tour notes of the Minister for Public Works and Industries received with Government's letter No. A.F. 4863/Ft. 162-44-4 dated 23-4-1945, it has been brought to the notice of Government that although the partnership was able to prepare about 50,000 cft of timber, they were faced with transport difficulties and labour troubles and had been warned to show better progress.

'N'

The working season of the current year has just commenced and the company, it is understood, are making elaborate arrangements for intensive exploitation as already reported to Government in my letter No. M. 27-280-43-44 dated 4-10-1945.

'E'

The proposals made in my letter dated

p.t.o.

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Exploitation of Hirebhasgar submersion area.

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the 8th December 1944 may kindly be sanctioned early.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department, Bangalore.

The C.C.F. reports that the formation of joint-stock company has not so far materialised but that the partnership formed of individuals were able to produce 50,000 c ft. of timber and are expected to do better.

Orders on the letter of the C.C.F. dated 6-12-'44 (and not 8-12-'44 as wrongly quoted by the C.C.F. in his 2.O. note) are solicited.

Draft G.O. put up for appl. or other orders.

21/12

Resolved with reference.

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Subject to observations
Secretary
for [illegible]

Mr PVR
Please put up the references noted on the previous page
[illegible]

As the original reference is not readily available a copy of C.C.F.'s letter of 4-10-43 flagged 'E' is put up. (This was got up by phone informally)

A note showing the history of the case from the beginning is put up. The latest D.O. note of the Chief Conservator of Forests suggests that

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the proposal made in his letter of 6/12/44 may be sanctioned. After orders are passed in the matter, a draft PO will be put up

26/1/46

The proposal of the C.C.F is that the exploitation of the Hirebhasgar Submersion area may be entrusted to the Mysore Timber Company according to the terms and conditions set out in his letter No. 27-280/43-44 dt. 6th Dec. 1944 and an agreement may be secured from the said Company in this behalf in the form, a draft of which accompanies the letter. Subject to approval of Govt. into such modification in the terms and conditions that Govt. may order, the Company has already been entrusted with the work. How this came about is indicated in the previous paras of the note and a brief summary thereof is contained in the short note placed below.

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It will be seen from the latest e/o note of the C.C.F dated 12.12.1945 that the Company which consisted of a partnership of four persons to start with as noted

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Exploitation of Hirakbingara supervision area

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in the margin, now Guests of these persons only, No. 2 being having subsequently dropped of and work as joint and individual responsibility and have appointed one Sri Rama Reddi as Manager of the Concern and their Legal Representative and have sought recognition thereto. The C.C.F states that he has issued necessary instructions to the D.F.O. to do so and hence a revised Muthalaka executed from the new partnership.

Sanction of Govt is sought to the action as also to the execution of agreement from this Company on the terms & conditions proposed in the letter of the C.C.F. dated 6.12.1946. This may perhaps be done and sanction accorded so that the C.C.F. may go ahead. ~~It is also for consideration whether~~ The agreement may be scrutinised in the Law Section, as to its suitability or otherwise or modification etc that may be desirable.

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Minister (Rev)

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE
No. 7792
Date 5/2/46

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exploitation of Hirebhagar submission under . 33

The remarks of the present C.C.P may be obtd U.O.

I believe he is now touring in Shimoga Dt. and if the file is sent to him, he may be able to make local investigations & offer his views.

Provisionally, I must add that I have a feeling that the work contemplated & done by the partnership is far too casual.

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Immediate

Memo. U.O. No. 572/A.F. D. 3/5/46

Forwarded with compliments U.O.

Letter C.C.P. in Mysore for favour of detailed examin^n of the proposals & furnishing Govt. with his considered views in the matter as early as practicable.

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Bor 3/5

W. Phillips
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General Secy

Disposal of cane available in Hirebhasgar Submersion area, Shimoga Dist.

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3798/A.F.

1) From the C.C.F. letter No. M.27-280/43-44 dt 30-1-46 requesting sanction for the proposal for permitting the Mysore Timber Company to remove cane at a rate of Rs 3-12-0 per cld. from the area coming under submersion in Hirebhasgar.

The Mysore Timber Company are given the lease to exploit the area coming under submersion in Hirebhasgar and are permitted to remove timber from the area at a flat rate of 0-2-0 per cft. which works out to 50% of the rate for miscellaneous hard woods. On the same analogy the C.C.F. recommends allowing the same Company to cut and remove canes found in the area at a rate of Rs 3-12-0 per cartload which is also 50% of the rate charged for the commodity in Shimoga Dist. It may be mentioned in this connection that the rate to be charged for the timber exploited in the area is still under consideration and no orders are yet passed. The present recommendation of the C.C.F. may perhaps be considered at the time of passing orders on the rates to be charged for timber exploited in the area.

Submd. for orders.

As may be

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No. 5946

Considered also at the time of passing orders on the main file.

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Where is the main file

pending notes 1

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The main file is with the Minister for Rev having been sent to him on 4.2.46.

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Minister agree

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R.O. No. 48/45-46
Dated 25.5.46

EXPLOITATION OF HIREBASKER SUBMERSION AREA.

Recently during my tour in the Malnad, I had a look at the exploitation work going on in the Hirebasker submersion area. I must say I was not satisfied with the pace at which the Mysore Timber Company was progressing. I met one of the Partners, Mr.M.K.Venkata Reddi and his Agent, Mr.Rama Reddi. I saw some of the logs that they had extracted, in their depots at Hirebasker and Sagar. They told me that they had a lot of difficulties to contend against such as lack of labour, lack of transport, changes in the partnership and so on. These have been dealt with in the Chief Conservator's reports before. The present position is that out of the four partners two have left and only two are carrying on namely, Mr.M.K.Venkata Reddi and Mr.K.Rama Rao, both from Madras. I was told that they had already extracted about 90,000 cft of timber of which about one-third has been sold, one-third may be in the Depot at Sagar and one-third still in the forest. They have secured two elephants but one being in calf is not fit for work. The Department has given two elephants on hire. Out of the two lorries one is in repairs and only one is now working. It is a lease-lend lorry given by the Forest Department. They are supposed to have the right of felling over the whole area of submersion but obviously they cannot tackle it all and so they are concentrating on three specific localities. After discussion with Mr. Venkata Reddi, an understanding has been arrived

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at that he would have no objection to the Department carrying out exploitation in the rest of the area with their own staff and labour. I have, therefore, arranged with the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga and the District Forest Officers of Sagar and Bhadravati Fuel Supply Division to throw in all reserve forces into this area and exploit to the maximum capacity of the labour and transport resources. I have given them very strict orders in this matter and have indicated to them also a plan of action. But the time at our disposal is very short. Work will be possible for about two weeks more before the break of monsoon and to a limited extent later on from November 1946 to May 1947 as detailed below. It is expected that at the end of this year's monsoon the water level will rise to about 70 feet but it may go down 30 feet during the dry period later on. Thus 40 feet above the present level will come under permanent submersion. I have asked the Conservator and the District Forest Officers to concentrate on this portion of the area first and whatever they cannot transport to Sagar or Shimoga or Bhadravati may be dumped in the nearest safe place. Whatever can be converted into timber will be extracted in that form and the rest is going to be converted into firewood and Charcoal for supply to the Iron Works. This work is being done at present but will be extended as much as possible. There will be about 15 or 20 days more before the monsoon this year. During the monsoon no work will be possible and after the monsoon, work will only have to progress according to the rate at which water recedes from its highest level. It is understood that the maximum submersion will be 90 feet but this Year's submersion will reach 70 feet. There

will be left only a strip of 20 feet contour which will be tackled in the working season from November 1946 to May 1947, in addition to the area which will become dry by the receding of the water. The anticipated yield of timber from the entire submersion area was approximately, 1,50,000 cft Against this the Department had felled 1,40,000 cft, while the Mysore Timber Company has felled about 90,000 cft. So, presumably most of the economically utilisable timber has been felled in addition to about 25,000 bags of charcoal supplied departmentally to the Iron Works in 1943.

The Mysore Timber Company of Messrs. M.K. Venkata Reddi and K. Rama Rao has been working from the year 1944 but the agreement and lease given to them still remain to be ratified by Government. There is no need to delay orders any further. The agreement will come to a close in a year at the most when the submersion is complete. The terms and conditions contained in the agreement are suitable and are found workable in practice. Orders may therefore be passed approving of the agreement and the lease.

24.5.46

Chief Conservator of Forests.

The General Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.)

Refer: Minister's minute dated 2/5/46

The C.C. F's note is self explanatory. His proposals appear to be practical and best under the circumstances and

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necessary sanction may be accorded therefor. Law

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may be affd (sorry this was delayed on account of pressure of R. A the. work).

t. of. 30/7/46.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE
No. 10136
Date 28-5-46.

Dewan)

3/8/46.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE
30 JUL 1946
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Draft put up for appl. The agreement has to be got sanctioned by the Land Branch

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15/8/46

Gen. Secy) 15/8

For perusal of land section.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE
No.
Date

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17 AUG 1946

Law Secy)

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Submitted - If approved, the file will be forwarded to the Advocate General for perusal & period sanction of the draft agreement (to N)

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may be sent to the A. G. for sanctioning.

19 AUG. 1946

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Law Secy)

Forwarded with compliments to the Advocate General for perusal & sanction of the draft agreement.

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For 26-8-46

Dy order

19/8 or 20/8/46

19.8.

Retransmitted to the Secretary, Law Deptt. No. Pro. 18 of 46-47 dt. 28.8.46

I have scrutinised the draft and made some alterations on the draft. I wish to make the following observations & suggestions:—

1. The date of the agreement is entered as 28th Nov. 1944. The actual date on which the agreement is ~~entered into~~ executed must be substituted.

2. The duration of the agreement is set down in para 2 of the contract as "till the end of May 1945 or till the stock is actually submerged whichever is later".

Now that we are in the end of Aug '46, same date a few months after the date of execution of the agreement may be substituted.

Further, how can there be exploitation after submersion? It should therefore terminate by a fixed date or on submersion whichever is earlier. I would therefore suggest that para 2 be recast thus,

"The ~~lease~~ lease shall terminate on ....., or on submersion of the area whichever is earlier,

provided that if the area is not submerged before ....., Government may in their option extend the period of the lease on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon".

28 AUG 1946 GUV-

Sd/- Ettingshausen
Ag
28/8/46

Subd. The Advocate General: note. Law is for paid personal. ~~of approval~~ The administration will have to decide as to the suitability or otherwise of the relaxation suggested by the Ag

726/Law (11) 3295 AF

Relaxation of limits in subsequent cases. Hirabayashi

(regarding date and duration of the agreement.)

MM 2.9.1946

The draft as revised by the A.G. may be approved. The administrative section has to fill in the particulars suggested by the A.G.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE
No. 2218
Date 19-9-46

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The draft G.O. put up shd is suitably altered in the light of above and resulted put up shd.

Please prepare a fair copy of the draft as revised

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Resulted with a fair copy of the draft as revised. According to Govt. Advocate's note of 26.8.46 may also be sent for the information of Bangalore C.C.

(K Sanji) 7/9

For final perusal before issue

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Minister (Rev)

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Exploitation of Heilbronner submersibles — Disposal of Cases

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Appd draft may kindly be sented for issue

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Rcd 15/10

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Jt. Com 1636 - Final Secretary has not been consulted -
Draft for Comm. is sent
16/10. Fin. Secy

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The C.C.F.
The Comptr thro F.D A+ 2290-91. 16-10-46

Sanctions the recommendations of the C.C.F.

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N.O T E.

The Dewan ordered in his minute dated 12th November 1943 that expeditious action might be taken regarding the clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under the Hirebhasagar Dam to avoid risk to the Dam and that a report might be called for from the Chief Conservator of Forests in the matter. (The Secretary, Economic Conference), now Commissioner, Economic Planning and Development, suggested that if the Forest Department itself was unable to exploit the area, tenders from private individuals or companies to exploit the area might be called for. He also suggested the erection of a Saw Mill somewhere near the spot and to make use of Gas Generator and the Engine in the Match Factory at Shimoga, if electric power was not available.

The Minister for I & S who visited the spot was given t o understand by the Chief Conservator of Forests that all the " economically utilisable" timber had been cleared and that the rest consisting of wood suitable for charcoal and soft woods not worthwhile even to be converted into charcoal alone remained. The Minister for I & S was pleased to instruct that the Department might extract all the "economically utilisable" timber and allot the extracted area, block by block, to private enterprise at a very low seigniorage rate, so that the charcoal and soft woods may also fetch income and be not wasted.

The Forest Department having pleaded

inability to clear the area on account of their limited resources and short time at disposal, etc., the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development, who was consulted subsequently, has noted at length on the several aspects of exploiting the area and stated that he was prepared to find either private individuals or a company to take up this work subject to the conditions that no other agency should be allowed to work in the same area and that the right to extract should be disposed of for a lumpsum for the whole area to this Agency.

The Chief Conservator of Forests and the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development were consulted unofficially several times on the details of exploitation e.g., regarding the seignorage to be charged, the terms of agreement of the prospective exploiters etc. Finally the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning came to an agreement and submitted proposals to entrust the work of clearing the submergible area to a private company consisting of four persons, two from Sagar and two from Madras, on conditions and terms indicated in the letter dated 6th Dec. 1944 of the Chief Conservator of Forests. When the Chief Conservator of Forests was further unofficially consulted, he has reported on 12th Dec. 1945 that the Joint-stock Company for which initiative was taken by the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development has not so far materialised, that the four persons permitted to exploit on individual and joint responsibility have formed into a partnership known as the Mysore Timber Company

and are exploiting the area and were able to prepare about 50,000 c.ft. of timber. The company is stated to have made elaborate preparations for exploting the area and are expected to show better results.

The Chief Conservator of Forests solicits sanction for the proposals made in his letter dated 6th December 1944.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Subtd.

The fair copies of the G.O. are confirmed and subtd. for signature with reference to the points raised — A doubt is felt re: clause 2 of the draft agreement proposed to be executed. The Asst. Secy. has noted on the draft G.O. about the suggestion of the Advocate General re: alteration of this clause whether the suggestion is to be incorporated or the draft agreement now appd. is to be issued as it is

Subtd. for orders.

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Please type the revised note for the Hon'ble Minister. Advocate's opinion is in place of the one now typed. Put up the fair copies at once for signature.

A letter may also be put up to CCT, in Courts, enclosing copy of the final Advocate's note of 28.4.46 for his information

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N.B.— Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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K. Keshavgopal Naidu,
B.Sc., B.Sc.F. (EDIN.)
Superintendent
Govt. Gardens.

Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT Work of clearance of Timber in the area coming under Submersion under the Hirebhasgar Dam.

Urgent

Section Forest

File No. Ft 82-43

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 1950

No. A.F. 2227

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

( )

the 194 .

The C.C.F.

Date of issue 18-11-43

Signed by [illegible]

Sir,

I am directed to state that it was represented to the Dewan that the work of clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under the Hirebhasgar Dam was not as expeditious as it ought to be and that there was a risk of some portions of forest coming under water before the timber was fully cleared and to add that the Forest Officer at Sagar has been asked to send a note through

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you showing the programme of clearance and also the arrangements made or proposed to be made for the transport and disposal of the timber.

I am to request you, therefore, to obtain the report & forward the same to get with your remarks urgently.

I am to add that the Mr for J&S will be pleased to look into the matter during his next visit to Srinagar

Pradhanvati

16/11

for Secy to Govt

16/11

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SUBJECT.....

Section PL

File No. PL 82-43

Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. A.F. 2666

To

The C. C. 7

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Signed by

Work of clearance of timber in the area coming under submersion under the Hirebhasgar dam.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to this office letter No AF 2227/PL 82-43-29 18.11.1943 on the above subject and to request you to be so good as to submit the report called for therein without any further delay.

I have the

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commandeered for the transport of food stuff m
caused to be released at an early date.

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Chief Conservator of F

It is hoped that before the close of the current working season, extraction of marketable timber in the entire workable portion of the area coming under submersion will be completed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Letter No.897 dated the 22nd November 1943, from the District rest Officer, Sagar Division, Sagar, to the Conservator of Forests imoga Circle.

RE:- Memo of instructions issued by the Dewan of Mysore on 11th November 1943.

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In continuation of my letter No.868 dated 16-11-1943, regard-gthe above, I have the honour to submit the following report-garding the exploitation of timber in the submersible areas of e Hirebasgar Storage Reservoir.

The scheme for woking the area has been submitted with this fice No.87 dated 16-7-1943. Accordingly, the entire area has been vided into 4 blocks which are being worked successively. The llings have been practically completed in Block I. In Blocks and III the fellings are briskly in progress. 2 elephants are :clusively allotted for the submersible area. The sawing operaons are also going on briskly in Block I. Transport of logs and wn timber is being done mostly by lorries.

The anticipated yield from the entire submersible area is pproximately 1,50,000 cft of which 70% will be soft woods of e Kan species. The following species are commonly met with roughout the area (1) Kaidhupa, (2) Gulmavu, (3) Hebbalasu 4) Mango and (5) Ranja.

The progress up to date is as follows:-

i)	Total quantity felled.	84,000 Cft.
ii)	Total quantity sawn and transported.	13,559.55 cft.
iii)	Total quantity of logs transported to the Depots and special supplies.	12,929,00 "
iv)	Total quantity of charcoal supplied to Mysore Iron and Steel Works.	17,976 bags.

In addition to the above, the firewood required for burning me at Madenur is being removed by the P.W.D. and the seigniorage ecovered and credited to the Forest Department.

The exploitation of Block IV will also be taken up shortly. is programmed to extract all the timber which is profitable exploit before the area is submerged in June 1944.

Some of the areas on the left bank of the Sharavati river e far from the markets and do not possess good communications. e extraction and transport of the available commercially less luable kinds of timber is considered not profitable. The le of standing timber in these remote areas is being held on -11-1943 and should there be a demand, the same will be sold the best advantage of the Government.

In this connection, it may kindly be brought to the kind tice of the Government that the present transport arrangements e all upset by the heavy cattle mortality due to Rinderpest. rther, the scare of this outbreak has blocked the carts ning in from other areas. As a reulst of which the entire ansport has to be done through lorries only. And the need r the two more lorries as well the supply of tyres, tubes and trol for the old lorries of the contractors is very keenly lt.

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All the three lorries of the Forest contractors now commandeered for the transport of food stuff may also kindly caused to be released at an early date.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

No. M. Gl 10367
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 21st December 1943

FROM

C. ABDUL JABBAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

R.P. Mallappa, Esq., B.A, LL.B.,
Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department, Bangalore.

GENERAL SECRETARY
22 DEC. 1943

RE:- Exploitation of submersible forest areas under the Hire bhasgar Dam.

This may be worked up in the connected file (under memorandum to the Mr) submitted now
22/12/43

In continuation of my letter No. M. 27-2/80-43 dated the 14th instant on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Sagar District Forest Officer's report No. 996 dated 7-12-1943 and to state that if there is any proposal to tackle the Forest Department with the work of clear felling the entire area which gets submerged instead of felling selected trees capable of yielding timber fit to be utilized, I have to agree with the District Forest Officer that the time and labour at the disposal of the Department are too inadequate to undertake this additional responsibility. Such work if entrusted to the Department may slow down the timber operations and result in the submersion of good many timber yielding trees.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

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22 DEC. 1943
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Copy of letter No.996 dated 7-12-1943 from the District Forest Officer, Sagar Dn, to the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle.

RE:- Exploitation of available timber in the area coming under submersion in the Hirebasgar Reservoir.

I have the honour to state that the Chief Engineer, Bangalore accompanied the Minister of Public Works and Railways, to Sagar on the 5th instant. He gave me to understand that the entire area which gets submerged under the waters of the Hirebasgar storage reservoir has to be cleared clean of all tree growth in the interest of the safety of the syphon dam under construction. I made it clear to him that the Forest Department has only undertaken to extract all the produce which under the existing market conditions can be utilised economically and that it is also not possible to clear the entire growing stock.

The extraction of all available economically utilisable timber is however progressing expeditiously as already reported.

In view of the intensity of work on account of the special timber supplies to War Board and the Public Works Department in addition to the increased allotments of charcoal and fuel supplies to Mysore Iron and Steel Works and the unprecedented difficulties in securing labour it is not possible to undertake departmentally the clear felling and burning of this vast area within the limited period. The Public Works Department may therefore be kindly intimated to make their own arrangements for this work as they have plenty of labour at their command.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

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OFFICE OF

the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore.

No. Fr 27-280-43 / one.
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Date 8/12 June 1944.

To

The Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Education Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Exploitation of the Forest area coming under submersion ~~under submersion~~ under the Hirebhasgar dam.

In continuation of my un-official reply No.38/43-44 dated the 20rd instant on the subject, I have the honour to state that Mr. L.S.Krishnan, M.A., (Hons) Forest Engineer, Madras interviewed me on the 17th and 18th instant and discussed with me the terms subject to which he would be permitted to exploit the Forest coming under submersion. He has now submitted an application detailing the terms on which he would be agreeable to take up the exploitation of the area vide copy thereof herein enclosed.

Broadly, the request with which this Gentleman has approached the Department does not clash with the proposals of the Commissioner of Economic Planning and Development which aims at quick exploitation of the Forest area through private agency either of individuals or of a company formed for the purpose, ~~vide correspondence resting with my note on Un-Official File No.38 dated 23-5-1944.~~ The time at our disposal for the exploitation of the ~~densely~~ wooded area in question, which is scattered and inaccessable for the most part, is very short and the formation of a company fully equipped for the purpose may take some time. For this reason, the offer of Mr. Krishnan, who is experienced in the line deserves consideration. My remarks on the terms proposed by him are furnished hereunder:-

A. Royalty payable.

While I am agreeable to the levy of existing rates

of seigniorage for the first 25,000 cft, I feel that a flat rate of 0-2-0 per cft should hold for quantities felled and removed over and above 25,000 cft.

The rates proposed for poles are too low. These may be fixed at annas two, three and four for poles of the lengths noted in Mr. Krishnan's letter.

B. Free grant of bamboos may be permitted.

C. The right to construct roads etc., may be conceded.

D. The Chief Engineer's opinion will be taken regarding storage of timber above the dam.

E. Exemption from payment of toll is a reasonable request and may be granted.

F. A promise to recommend may be given with regard to procurement of vehicles etc., for mechanical transport.

Mr. L.S. Krishnan, has since communicated his acceptance to the modifications in the rates of Royalty on timbers removed as suggested by me and has asked for permission to start exploitation forthwith.

Mr. Krishnan has been informed to-day that necessary permission to commence exploitation would be conveyed on his furnishing a cash security of Rs. 5,000/- and executing an agreement in the prescribed form.

I request that orders of Government in the matter may be kindly obtained and communicated to me early.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy of letter dated 18th May 1944 from Mr. L.S. Krishnan, M.A., (Hons), Forest Engineer, 7. Sadasivier Street, Gopalapuram, Cathedral, P.O. Madras, to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore.

Re:- My interviews with you on 17th and 18th current. Exploitation of Forest areas to be submerged under the Jog Falls Scheme.

With reference to the above I submit herein below my proposals for the exploitation of the submersion areas under the Jog scheme for your kind consideration and favourable orders at a very early date:-

(A) Royalty payable to Government:-

1. I propose that up to the first 25,000 Cft., a royalty based onthe existing seigniorage rates be levied on all timber felled and extracted. On the next 25,000 Cft., a rate of a flat 2 as. per Cft., and on quantities above 50,000 Cft., a flat rate of one anna per Cft.

2. Poles:- Since the major portion of the stock will consist of small dimension poles I propose a graduated scale of royalty per pole as follows depending on the length of the pole:-

Up to 15 Ft.	length at 1 anna per pole
Up to 30 Ft.	length at 1 anna 3 pies per pole.
Over 30 Ft.	length at 1 anna 6 pies per pole.

NOTE:- For pratical purposes Timber will be defined as all material measuring 3 Ft., girth at breast height, the smaller girths being treated as poles.

(B) I propose the free grant of all bamboos and canes found in the area and used for floating or construction of temporary quarters.

(C) The right to construct roads, bridle paths, drag paths etc., should be conceded to me for transport of the material.

(D) The right to store timber and other material in the reservoir above the dam until such time as they are ready for transport should be allowed to me. I have met the Chief Engineer for irrigation on this subject and I am informed there will be no objection. I now request you to take up the matter with him for formal sanction.

(E) Exemption from payment of tools, if any, for transport of timber and the personnel employed in the exploitation scheme.

(F) In the event of any need arising for the use of mechanical

mechanical transport in carrying out the exploitation scheme, I expect the Government to do all that it can in securing the vehicles by way of recommendations and support of my application for same.

I take the liberty of mentioning here that the conditions governing this particular exploitation work are so peculiar that it is not possible to fix either the quantities that could be ultimately extracted, or the period that will be available to me to get through with the work, everything depending on the rate of progress of the dam. Nor does it end here. The area under the waterspread of the reservoir is made up of a series of isolated bits sprawled all over which adds to the difficulties of the work. There is obviously therefore more than an element of risk and uncertainty involved and in the circumstances I expect Government to be as helpful as possible in the grant of facilities, both present and future, to carry out the work.

With regard to the supply of charcoal I shall do my best to produce as much as possible consistent with economy and for the present I accept the rate of Rs.1-4-0 per bag delivered at the railhead tentatively. I hope this will be a workable rate.

As I am anxious to start work with as little delay as possible I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to immediately sanction whatever is within your powers, and where it requires Government sanction, to recommend my proposals to Government for sanction.

I shall now thank you to kindly acknowledge receipt of this application and to inform me what you propose doing.

Thanking you.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

A.7.6248/Ft. 82-43-8.
D. 22-6-1944

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form*).

To
The Commissioner
Economic planning and
Development, Bangalore.

Sir

I am directed to invite reference to your Non official Note No E.C. 595/43-44 of 17. 3. 1944 in the matter of exploitation of the forest area coming under submersion under the Hirakhuda dam and to state that in view of the magnitude of the work to be done and the shortness of the time at ~~the~~ our disposal ~~of the dept before submersion~~, Govt consider ~~that~~ all possible agencies should be harnessed to the job.

I am accordingly to request

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you to be so good as to go forward with the work expeditiously in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests. If the Chief Conservator wishes to reserve any of the blocks exclusively for departmental working, the matter may be arranged in consultation with him.

Govt trust that you will find it possible to utilise the experience and resources of Mr L.S. Krishnan also, in connection with the scheme, by allotting him a block or portion thereof.

Govt do not consider it necessary to buy any shares in the Company that might be formed for this purpose. and but they might assist in other ways like lending the services of a ranger etc.

One Mr L.S. Krishnan has also applied for being permitted to exploit the timber in the area now in question. It might be possible to utilise the experience & resources of this gentleman also in connection with the scheme by allotting him a block or a portion thereof.

While not taking any ~~any~~ direct interest in the Company Govt will be pleased to extend all reasonable facilities for the undertaking. The Govt is desirous to cooperate in making the proposaline by exploitation of the forests as successful as possible respecting the area coming under the scheme.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Govt hope that no further time will be lost in getting ahead with the work of extraction of timber from the area.

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Secy to Govt
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A.7.6249. D. 22-6-1944

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the CCF with reference to his D.O. Note No 38/43-44 dt 23.5.1944 for information and necessary action.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE. 64

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. A.7.6248/Fl-82-43-8. Dated Bangalore, 22-6-1944.

FROM

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Education Department.

To

The Commissioner,
Economic Planning & Development,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your Un-Official Note No.E.C.595/43-44 dated 17.3.1944, in the matter of exploitation of the forest area coming under submersion under the Hirebhasgar Dam and to state that in view of the magnitude of the work to be done and the shortness of the time at our disposal, Government consider that the matter should be pushed through as rapidly as possible and that all possible agencies should be harnessed to the job.

I am accordingly to request to to be so good as to go forward with the work expeditiously in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests. If the Chief Conservator wishes to reserve any of the blocks exclusively for departmental working, the matter may be arranged in consultation with him.

One Mr. L.S.Krishnan has also applied for being permitted to exploit the timber in the area now in question. It may be possible to utilise the experience and resources of this gentleman also in connection with the scheme by allowing him a block ~~as~~ or a portion thereof.

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While not taking any direct interest in the Company Government will be pleased to extend all reasonable facilities for the undertaking. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to co-operate in making the programme of exploitation of the forest as successful as possible before the area coming under submersion.

Government hope that no further time will be lost in getting ahead with the work of extraction of timber from the area.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. H.S. Hiriannaiya,

Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

F.M.R.3. Memo No. Dated, June 1944.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, with reference to his Un-official Note No.38/43-44 dated 23.5.1944 for information and necessary action.

By Order,

A M Sreenivasaiya
21-6-1944

For Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

No. M.27-280/43
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CHIEF CONSERVATOR'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, dated 26.8.1944

FROM

The *Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,*
Bangalore.

26 AUG. 1944

To

The *Secretary to the Government*
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department, *Bangalore.*

Sir,

Re:- Exploitation of submersion areas under the Jog Falls Scheme.

In enclosing herein a copy of letter dated 11th instant addressed to me by Mr. L.S.Krishnan, Forest Engineer Madras, I have the honour to request that orders of Government on the recommendation made by me in my letter No.M.27-280/43 dated 8th June 1944 may be kindly obtained and communicated to me very early so that a suitable agreement may be taken from Mr. Krishnan and permission given to him to start work.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

P.T.O.

Copy of letter dated 11-8-44 from Mr. L.S.Krishnan, M.A.(Hons), Forest Engineer, 7 Sadasivier Street, Gopalapuram, Chatedral P.O., Madras, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangalore.

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re:- Exploitation of submersion areas Hirebasagar - Jog Falls Scheme. My letter dated 1-8-44 and subsequent discussions at Bangalore-Execution of agreement.

With reference to the above, now that it is decided to form a small private limited company for the exploitation of the above areas, I have already applied to the Government of Mysore for consent to float the company.

Meanwhile, with a view to save delay, I request you to be so good as to forward to me a copy of the agreement which has to be executed by me with provision in it for the assignment of the concession by me to the Company to be brought into existence by me in the near future. This will enable me to commence work earlier pending the formation of the company.

I am programming to be in Bangalore by the end of the month by which time I hope to execute the agreement.

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Chief Conservator of Forests.

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 6th December 1944.

FROM

C. ABDUL JABBAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The General Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Re:- Exploitation of Hirebhasgar submersion area.

With reference to correspondence ending with your Misc No. AF. 6240 dated 22nd June 1944, I have the honour to forward herewith letter No.E.C.C.37/44-45 dated 16th November 1944 addressed to you by the Commissioner, Development and Planning on the subject and to state as follows:-

In view of the opinion already expressed by me in my Unofficial Note No.73/43-44 dated 23-5-1944, the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning in ~~pa~~ para 3 of his letter may be kindly accepted. Being anxious to see that the promoters of the Joint Stock Company start work immediately and make the best use of the short time at their disposal to clear the area, I have in anticipation of sanction permitted them to start work after obtaining a mutchalika from the marginally noted gentlemen that they should observe the terms and conditions detailed in the enclosed draft of agreement to be executed by them later on after its approval by Government who are at liberty to modify or add to it both in form and substance.

1. Billigiri Iyengar of Bagur.
2. Chandrasekharaiyavar Bagur of Bagur.
3. K. Venkata Reddy of Madras.
4. [illegible] of Madras.

The transfer of the lease to the Joint Stock Company after it is formed is provided for in the draft agreement.

The present ~~Commissions~~ Concessions offered by me and accepted by the

the promoters are similar to those recommended for sanction in my letter of even number dated 8th June 1944 on the application of Mr. L. S. Krishnan, Forest Engineer for lease of the same area. The royalty on quantities removed payable to the Government by the promoters fixed subject to approval of Government are as follows:-

1) The existing sanctioned seigniorage rates for the first 25,000 cft., of timber of all kinds put together.

2) 0-2-0 per cft., on the quantity of timber felled and removed of log. in excess of 25,000 cft.,

3) 0-2-0 per pole for poles of lengths up to 15 ft.

4) 0-3-0 do. of 15 ft. and above but below 30

5) 0-4-0 do. of 30 ft. and above.

6) 2-8-0 per ton of 25 bags of charcoal supplied to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works.

N.B.- For purposes of levy of seigniorage timber is defined as logs of wood measuring three feet and above in mid girth with bark on and logs of wood below three feet in mid girth are treated as poles.

The other concessions offered are,

(a) Bamboos and canes required for purposes of flooring or construction of temporary quarters for the labour and workmen and not for sale or export may be cut and utilized by the lessees free of cost.

(b) The Department will extend its full co-operation to the promoters of the company by way of finding a demand for their timber out of orders placed with the Department by the Defence Services etc.

(c) Recommendation will also be made to the concerned authorities though without undertaking any responsibility, to provide them with transport facilities by way of supplying petrol and other equipment to them.

I request that the proposals of the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning and the concessions recommended by me be kindly sanctioned and the draft agreement herein enclosed approved and returned after such modifications as Government may deem fit. Action in having permitted the promoters of the Company to start work on their joint and individual responsibility may also be kindly ratified. The Commissioner for Economic Development may be requested to see that the joint stock company is formed soon and accomplished f...

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Government of Mysore.

No. E.C.C.37/44-45
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Office of the Commissioner
of Economic Development & Planning.
Camp: Mysore, Dated 16th Nov.44.

To

N.S. Hirannayya, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Education Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Exploitation of Hirebhasgar Submersion area.

With reference to your letter No.A.F.6248/Ft.82-43-8 dated the 22nd June 1944, (in the matter of exploiting the forest area coming under submersion by the Hirebhasgar Dam) stating that in view of the magnitude of the work and the shortness of the time at our disposal, the matter should be pushed through as rapidly as possible and that all possible agencies should be mobilised, I have the honour to state that I have been in constant touch with the Chief Conservator of Forests and with Mr. L.S. Krishnan mentioned in your letter.

The area concerned is divided into 4 blocks,-2 in the Sagar Taluk and 2 in the Hosnagar Taluk. The Forest Department have already removed the major portion of the economic timber in the two blocks in the Sagar Taluk. It is only the two blocks in the Hosnagar Taluk that are still untouched. Both the Chief Conservator of Forests and Mr. L.S. Krishnan are of oipnion that if different agencies handle different blocks, there may be undesirable rivalry and competition for the labour available. Mr.Krishnan therefore desires that the right to exploit all the 4 blocks should be given to him exclusively and the Chief Conservator ~~xxxx~~ has no objection provided that Mr. Krishnan guarantees that the quantity extracted will not be less than what the Forest Department would have done. It is, therefore, for the Chief Conservator to fix the guaranteed quantity, if the Government finally decide to give the right to Mr. Krishnan or any other agency, to the exclusion of the Forest Department.

Mr. Krishnan has kept his experience and resources, as I ~~happen to~~ understand, at the disposal of Mr. K. Rama Rao and Mr.M.K. Venkata Reddy who are the financiers, Their intention is to form a private Company or partnership. Government are aware that even before Mr. Krishnan entered the field, there ~~has been~~ was a proposal to form a public Joint-stock Company of forest contractors and landholders mainly in the area to be affected, so that the benefits may go to the inhabitants of the area. The promoters of this Company amongst others, are Mr. Upendra Srinivasa Naik, a leading contractor and businessman and Mr. K. Biligiri Iyengar, Contractor, both at Sagar. Mr. R.N. Ramachandra in the Rettihally family has also associated himself as a promoter. These have sent up proposals for the formation of a joint-stock company, ~~but~~ and they are ~~also~~ keen that the block should not be divided. I, therefore, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ requested the two groups to come to an understanding, so that the work may be entrusted to one Company. As the formailities required for the floatation of a Company will take some time, the principal persons of the two groups have requested that they may be permitted to begin the work of exploitation as a partnership concern, pending the floatation of a Company and transfer ~~of~~ the assets and the liabilities of the partnership to the Company later on. I recommend that this arrangement may be approved.

I am forwarding this through the Chief Conservator of Forests for his concurrence. I enclose copies of the relevant correspondence for ready reference. The Chief Conservator may be empowered

empowered to impose the necessary conditions and take a proper agreement from the partnership concern, so that the work may be expeditiously undertaken and the maximum quantity of timber and other woods extracted from the area.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Commissioner,
Development & Planning.

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Letter No.E.C.23 Camp: Mysore, dated 4th October 1944 from the Commissioner, Development and Planning, to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore.

Re: Formation of a Company for exploitation of Forest in Hirebhasgar Dam submersion area.

In view of the letter dated 1st October 1944 from Mr. K. Biligiri Iyengar, Engineer & Contractor, Shimoga, to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, copy of which has been forwarded to me, and I understand to you also, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to not to commit yourself to giving any particular block or blocks to Mr. Krishnan, as both Mr.Krishan and the promoters of the Company in Shimoga are keen on getting the right to exploit the entire area and not portions of the area, and as final reply from Mr. U.S. Naik is expected in a couple of days.

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Letter dated 7th October 1944 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, Shimoga, to the Commissioner, Development and Planning, Bangalore.

Further to my letter C.C.10/44-45 dated 2-10-1944 enclosing the letter of Mr. Biligiri Iyengar dated 1-10-44, I write to inform you that Messrs. U.S. Naik, Biligiri Iyengar and R.N. Ramachandra, promoters of the Joint Stock Company saw me yesterday and today and informed me that they were agreeable to the terms of seigniorage etc., suggested by the Chief Conservator of Forests at the meeting on 17-9-44 under your Presidency and that they have been able to secure 3 or 4 elephants as suggested by the Chief Conservator of Forests. They seem to be keen on starting the Joint Stock Company as suggested by you with the articles of association etc., approved by you, and want your good offices to get this contract from the Forest Department. I have asked them today to apply to you directly with a copy of the articles of association for the Joint Stock Company. In the meantime, they are willing in their individual capacity, on a Partnership basis, to take up the work and begin the same as the establishmen of a Joint Stock Company will take some time for publication etc. Please let me know whether you will be good enough to come to Shimoga for further discussion with them if necessary or whether I should send them to you.

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Letter dated 7th October 1944 from Messrs: (1) Upendra Shrinivas Nayak, (2) K. Biligiri Iyengar and (3) R.N. Ramachandra, Camp: Shimoga, to the Commissioner, Economic ~~Ekmm~~ Development & Planning, Bangalore.

Re: Formation of a Company to exploit the Forest in Hirebhasgar Submersion Area.

With reference to your D.O.No.E.C.C.20 dated 2nd October 1944 on the above subject, we beg to state Mr. U.S. Naik who had been touring in search of elephants has been able to secure the service of elephants required for the work. As such, we are prepared to take up the work on hand immediately on receipt of favourable orde on conditions agreed upon at the meeting on 17th September 1944 at Sagar under your Chairmanship.

Pending the formation of the Company which, Sir, as you know takes some time, we the following signatories along with one or tw others will commence the work. We request you to kindly pass favourable and immediate orders as the work is to be taken up earl

Thanking you.

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Letter dated 12th October 1944 from Messrs. (1) K. Rama Rao, (2) M.K. Venkata Reddy, K. Biligiri Iyengar and (4) R.N. Ramanhandra, Ba ngalore, to the Commissioner, Development & Planning, Bangalore.

Ref:- Exploitation of Submergeable area in Hirebhasgar area.

In furtherance to the conversation that we had with you today in your office and the decisions that were arrived at between Messrs. K. Rama Rao and M.K. Venkata Reddy representing one party and Messrs. K. Biligiri Iyengar and R.N. Ramachandra on the other party in your presence, we are now writing to you as desired by you confirming the conversation we had with you and the decisions that we reached, viz., that in view of the urgency of starting the work in the submergeable area and the delay that is likely to be involved in the floatation of a limited company we have agreed to form a partnership between Mr. K. Rama Rao and M.K. Venkata Reddy on one side and Messrs. K. Biligiri Iyengar and R.N. Ramachandra and others on the other side pending the floatation of the proposed company. The name of the Partnership shall be "The Mysore Timber Company". Each party will deposit seventy five thousand rupees thus making the total of one and a half lakhs as capital. We request you to kindly grant the concession in the name of the partnership and give permission to commence the work immediately

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"Copy"

Letter dated 17th October 1944 from Mr. M.K. Venkata Reddy, Andhra Insurance Buildings, Thambu Chetty Street, Madras, to the Commissioner, Development and Planning, Bangalore.

Re: Exploitation of the submergeable area in Sagar Division - Our personal talk which we had with you.

You will recollect that Mr. Rama Rao and myself representing one party and Mr. Biligiri Iyengar and another representing the other par agreed in your presence on Thursday the 12th instant that we shall jointly undertake the above-mentioned work, each party contributing Rs.75,000/- (Seventy Five thousand only) at present. As the formatio of the company is likely to involve some delay we agreed that we shou immediately form a partnership under the name of "Mysore Timber Compa and request the Government to give us the concession to exploit the forest in the submergeable area immediately in the name of the partne ship (i.e., Mysore Timber Company).

As per your instructions we drafted a letter roughly embodying t terms of our agreement. As Mr. Rama Rao and myself were urgently required at Madras we left Bangalore in a great hurry, on the same evening requesting Mr. Biligiri Iyengar to hand over the copy of the draft agreement, bearing the signature of both the parties, personall to you, and one copy to be sent to Mr. Jabbar, Chief Conservator of Forests and another to Mr. Srinivasan, the Minister.

Mr. Iyengar and ourselves agreed to meet at Bangalore on or abou the 18th of this month and deposit the moneys in the Bank of Mysore at Bangalore. Mr. Iyengar promised to write to us in advance intimating the date of his arrival at Bangalore. We have not yet heard from him.

We are ready with the money to start to Bangalore as soon as we

we hear from you. We feel that we are losing the precious time and we are anxious to commence the work immediately. We await your instructions.

Thanking you and awaiting an early reply.

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Agreement made this day ~~28th of November 1944 between~~ between Messrs.....

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of the one part (hereinafter called the lessees) and the District Forest Officer, Sagar Division, Sagar, on behalf of the Government of Mysore (hereinafter called the Government)

Whereas the lessees have applied for the right to extract timber and charcoal from the submersion area under the Jog Hydro-Electric Scheme and ~~such applications have been accepted by the~~ Government ~~subject to~~ the conditions and terms hereinafter specified. and whereas the lessees have been extracting timber and charcoal from ..... (since the date) in accordance with such terms and conditions mutually agreed ~~the said terms~~ and conditions are hereby formally reduced into writing and signed & executed by either party. And whereas the lessees have deposited a sum of Rs.....

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only as security for the due performance of ~~the provisions hereinafter contained,~~ their obligations,

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16. The lessees shall not ~~employ~~ for payment or otherwise indent upon the services of the bullocks or carts or ~~and~~ carts employed by the Forest Department for the conduct of any operation under departmental agency except with the permission of the Range Forest Officer who has employed them.

17. The lessees shall communicate to the Department the names and addresses of ~~his~~ their agents or representatives as also any changes that may be made by ~~him~~ them from time to time in their personnel and hold ~~himself~~ themselves responsible for all their acts of omission and commission under the terms and conditions of this agreement.

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22. All notices under these presents to the lessees may be served on the lessees or their agent or representative.

In witness whereof the lessees and the District Forest Officer, Sagar Division, acting under the direction of the Government of Mysore have hereunto set their respective hands the day and year first above written.

Lessees

WITNESSES.

1.

District Forest Officer,
Sagar Division.

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Draft-
B. P. Ramachandra
Chief ~~Conservator of Forests~~

Scrutinised by me and alterations made. To be read along with my observations made on the w/ls sheet
Sd/- Ettiyapa Ag.
28/8/46

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SUBJECT Exploitation of Hirebhasgar submersion area

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 16-10-46 193 .

Signed by [illegible]

May this be—

(i) printed ?

(ii) treated as a standing order ?

(iii) published in the Gazette, English Part ?

(vi) translated ?

(v) placed at the disposal of the press ?

(vi) published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

Section F1

File No. 82-43.

Serial No. 10.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— (1) Letter No. M.27-280/43-44 dt 6-12-44 from the C.C.F. accepting the proposals of the Commissioner of Economic Development & Planning regarding the formation of a Joint-stock Company for the exploitation of the Hirebhasgar submersion area and recommending and requesting the grant of certain concessions to the Company and approval to the proposed draft agreement to be executed by the Company

(2) Letter No. M.27-280/43-44 dt 30-1-1946 from the C.C.F.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

~~permitted~~ the exploitation of the area by a partnership ~~known~~ formed under the title of Mysore Timber Company and requests sanction to the grant of the concessions ~~of 15~~ above to the partnership.

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~~Under~~ In the circumstances explained Court are pleased to ~~sanction the proposals of the C.C.F.~~ who is requested to state ~~Next further act may be taken by the C.C.F. in the matter.~~

~~To~~ Court Secy to Govt

~~To~~ The C.C.F.

The Comptroller The F.D.

The CCF has also forwarded a note explaining the work turned out by the ~~partnership~~ Mysore Timber Co. of Messrs M K. Venkatareddi & K Rama Rao from the year 1946 and has recommended that

An ~~The draft~~ agreement ~~is also offered subject to~~ in the form annexed may be got executed by the Company with such changes ~~as may be found necessary~~ as will be dictated thereon.

Subject: Exploitation of Hirebhasgar submersion area.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ:-

Correspondence ending with letter No.M. 27-280/43-44 dated 6th December 1944 from the Chief Conservator of Forests accepting the proposals of the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning regarding the formation of a Joint-stock Company for the exploitation of the Hirebhasgar submersion area and recommending the grant of certain concessions to the Company and approval to the proposed draft agreement to be executed by the Company.

2. Further correspondence ending with letter No.M.27-280/43-44 dated 30th January 1946 from the same officer suggesting that a ~~rate~~ rate of Rs.3-12-0 may be charged for a car load of canes to be cut and removed by the Company.

3. W.O.Note No.48/45-46 dated the 25th May 1946 from the same officer.

ORDER NO: A.F.2290-91/Ft-82-43-10.

DATED, Bengalore, 16th ~~September~~ Oct 1946.

Government have had under consideration for some time past the question of the best way of utilisation of the forest area that would come under submersion by the Hirebhasgar Dam. A Joint-stock Company was proposed to be formed for this purpose and the Chief Conservator of Forests having agreed to allow the exploitation of the area by a partnership or a Joint-stock Company recommended that the Company might be granted the concessions mentioned in the annexure to this ~~Government~~ Order. As however the formation of a Joint-stock Company did not materialise, the Chief Conservator of Forests

has permitted the exploitation of the area by a partnership formed under the title of Mysore Timber Company and requests sanction to the grant of concessions referred to above to the partnership.

The Chief Conservator of Forests has also forwarded a note explaining the work turned out by the Mysore Timber Company of Messrs. M.K.Venkata Reddy and K. Rama Rao from the year 1944 and has recommended that the agreement and the lease given to them may be ratified by Government as the terms and conditions contained in the agreement are suitable and are found workable in practice.

In the circumstances explained Government are pleased to sanction the proposals of the Chief Conservator of Forests who is requested to take necessary further action in the matter. An agreement in the form annexed may be got executed by the Company with ~~many~~ necessary changes as indicated therein.

Secretary to Government,
General Department.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore;

The Comptroller to Government, through Financial Department.

BKP/-

Annexure.

1. The existing sanctioned seigniorage rates for the first 25,000 C.Ft., of timber of all kinds put together.

2. 0-2-0 per C.Ft., on the quantity of timber felled and removed of log. in excess of 25,000 C.Ft.

3. 0-2-0 per pole for poles of lengths up to 15 Ft.

4. 0-3-0 -do- of 15 Ft. and above but below 30 Ft.

5. 0-4-0 -do- of 30 Ft. and above.

6. 2-8-0 per ton of 25 bags of charcoal supplied to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works.

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The other concessions offered are,

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b. The Department will extend its full co-operation to the promoters of the Company by way of finding ready demand for their timber out of orders placed with the Department by the Defence Services etc.

c. Recommendation will also be made to the concerned authorities, though without undertaking any responsibility, to provide them with transport facilities by way of supplying petrol and other equipment to them.

7. Rs. 3-12-0 per wartload of canes.

For Secretary to Government,
General Department.

BKP/-

2. The lease shall terminate on..... or on submersion of the area whichever is earlier,

provided that if the area is not submerged before ..... Government may, in their option, extend the period of the lease on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

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District Forest Officer,
Sagar Division.

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